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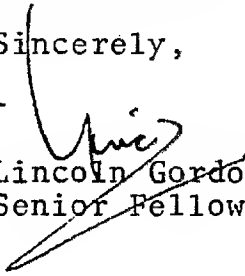
Dear Dick:

As you must have recognized, I had no idea when writing to you a week or so ago that I would shortly be seeing in the press the news of your forthcoming resignation from the CIA and retirement from the Army. That news produced mixed emotions. I can imagine some pleasure on your part at the prospect of relief from a very difficult billet. At the same time, I found some of the overtones of the press reports distasteful, and woefully short of giving you credit where a great deal of credit is deserved.

When you have some leisure, I hope that we can get together. I am curious about your onward plans, being confident that you will not vegetate.

Meanwhile, please accept my warmest good wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Lincoln Gordon  
Senior Fellow